

NORTH CAROLINA

1. Visiting International Faculty Program – Through the auspices of the VIF Program based in Chapel Hill, NC, approximately 900 teachers from many different countries including Spain, France, Germany, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Chile are teaching in the Public Schools of North Carolina. The teachers primarily teach foreign languages, ESL, Special Education, Math, Science, and Elementary Education. As part of the VIF Program, the teachers also serve as cultural ambassadors in their schools and communities. North Carolina has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Spanish Government and the VIF Program to bring exchange teachers from Spain to the schools. In addition, the VIF Program also provides opportunities for American teachers to teach in Great Britain.

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2. Vision 2010 – Vision 2010 is an initiative to develop model foreign language programs in the North Carolina Public Schools. It is sponsored by the Alliance for Language Learning, a private foreign language advocacy group based in North Carolina. Three pilot programs have begun this school year. The Alliance has provided training and technical assistance. In addition, it is searching for ways to obtain funding to assist the pilots.

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3. World View – This program was established in 1998 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to help K-12 and college educators anticipate and respond to the challenges of the interconnected world. It collaborates with other international programs on campus, other UNC campuses and private universities, and global businesses to sponsor the following:

- Annual Symposium which explores a major topic of global significance to schools
- Seminar which are geared to a specific region of the world and emphasize practical guidance and exchange of ideas and information which will expand global components of the curriculum
- Residential Leadership Program which is a week-long, intensive study of global issues that will impact students, schools, and communities
- Annual study abroad trips to a specific location for a two-week study visit

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4. North Carolina Center for International Understanding (NCCIU) – NCCIU provides international experiential education to address the challenges facing North Carolina policy leaders, K-12 educators and citizens. Its programs prepare North Carolinians to live and work effectively with people of other cultures. Programs include the following:

- International School Partnerships through Technology (ISPT) – ISPT links North Carolina high school classrooms with classrooms abroad for yearlong exchanges of ideas, cultural information, and learning.
- Global Study Programs for Educators – This program offers professional development opportunities for K-12 educators and features pre-orientation and two weeks abroad with follow-up workshops to apply lessons learned.
- Global Study Programs for Policymakers – Partnering with the Public School Forum of North Carolina this program invites educational policymakers to examine educational policies and best practices abroad.

- International Educators Visits – North Carolina students and teachers learn about the world through interaction with delegations of international teachers or principals who live with North Carolina educators for a week and accompany them to school.
- Citizens for International Understanding – Groups of local citizens learn about other cultures through shared travel abroad and by hosting international groups that visit North Carolina.
- Latino Initiative – This program provides resources and programs to inform North Carolina leaders about Latino/Hispanic immigration and to assist public service providers in understanding issues that affect their service delivery. Teachers participate in study and travel seminars to Mexico and NCCIU designs customized cross-cultural workshops for participants.

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5. North Carolina Alliance for the Promotion of International Studies and Program Development – This is a new statewide initiative that includes political, corporate, and educational leaders. The program is designed to do the following:

- Engage business, community, professional groups, and other state agencies in support of international education
- Develop a model for coordinating professional development in global awareness and international understanding
- Promote international education, including the support of learning foreign languages and in-depth knowledge of other cultures
- Survey the existing talents and resources within the state and assess needs
- Influence policy makers in embracing greater emphasis on international understanding in the K-12 curriculum.

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